



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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MAYOR

DOUGLAS KRESS
DIRECTOR

MINUTES
BOARD OF HEALTH
Emergency Meeting
March 19, 2020
Open Conference Call

Present:

Douglas Kress, Director
Brian Green, MD (Chair)
Paula Machado, Board Member
Robert Ciccio, Board Member

Absent:

None

Meeting Called to Order:

On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was called to order at 7:42pm. It was seconded by Ms. Machado.

Approval of meeting minutes:

Motion by Chair Green, second by Ms Machado, approved 3-0

COVID19 Board Order:

Motion: Green second by Ms Machado

Pursuant to MGL . 111, Section 30 the Board of Health hereby authorizes the Director of Health and Human Services, Douglas S Kress, or his appointee, to act as an agent on its behalf and take all necessary action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the public health and safety of Somerville.

Adopted 3-0

Director Updates:

Director Kress provided an update on City actives and local statistics.

ICS implemented

Governor Baker declaration

School impacts

City Impacts

Food access

Current challenges

Homeless

Housing stability/Over crowding

Social Distancing

Workforce impacts

Mr Ciccia, representing the Board, provided an overview of the working group discussions for a new software, Safe Pass, being developed at MIT to assist with contact tracing. Questions were asked about the usability in the current environment and if HHS has the capacity of time and funds to implement. Mr Ciccia agreed to follow-up on with the working group.

Next meeting – virtually

Thursday, March 26, 5:00pm

Adjournment:

On a motion made by Dr. Green, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. It was seconded by Ms Machado
Ms. Machado. .

Nest meetingList of Documents:

Notice/Agenda,

Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas Kress, Director of Health and Human Services
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